

REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in the Office Action mailed August 26, 2004. The issue fee has not been paid.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant noted that claim 21 recites an "encoder" and claim 22 recites a "decoder." The requested amendments are submitted to change "encoder" to "encoding apparatus" in claim 21 and to change "decoder" to "decoding apparatus" in claim 22, thereby maintaining proper antecedent basis in each of these claims.

Each of the requested amendments is fully supported by the specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, does not raise new issues, and does not alter the scope of the affected claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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